

## REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application. All claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over any of U.S. Patent Nos. 2,827,363 (Marhofer); 3,133,790 (Jockers); and 3,855,404 (Rotaru) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,198,156, to Middleton et al. (Middleton).

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-11 is requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Langel for the courtesies extended him during the interview on October 14, 2008. During that interview, primarily Middleton was discussed, with it being understood that agitation during the production of hydroxylammonium salts is known in the art.

It was pointed out to the Examiner that Middleton does not teach or make obvious the recited combination in claim 1 of the disk agitator and two-blade, blade agitator.

The Examiner concurred that claim 1, as presented during the interview and herein, distinguishes over the applied prior art.


The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and recite further significant limitations to further distinguish over the applied art.

Applicant has made a number of amendments throughout the application, directed primarily to form.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-11, approval of all amendments to the application, and allowance of the case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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